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2. The method of claim 1, wherein the steps of comparing, determining, and notifying comprise:

- comparing the patient profile information with acceptance criteria for clinical trial sites stored in a database, the comparison performed by the server;
- determining whether the patient prequalifies for any of the clinical trial sites; and
- notifying the user whether the patient has prequalified for any clinical trial sites.

1 4. The method of claim 2, further including:  
2 asking the user a plurality of questions; and

3           creating a patient profile based on the responses to the plurality of  
4   questions.

1   5. The method of claim 4, wherein the step of asking the user a plurality of  
2   questions includes:

3           asking the user one or more static questions;

4           asking the user one or more dynamic questions which are selected based  
5   on the user's responses to other static and dynamic questions; and

6           creating a patient profile based on the responses to the static and dynamic  
7   questions.

1   6. The method of claim 3, further including:

2           asking the user a series of questions targeted to a specific clinical trial site  
3   after determining that a patient meets preliminary acceptance criteria for the  
4   specific clinical trial; and

5           determining whether the user prequalifies for the specific clinical trial  
6   based on the user's response to the targeted questions.

1   7. The method of claim 6, wherein the static questions, dynamic questions, and  
2   targeted questions are provided with a plurality of answer options, and the user  
3   may select one or more answer options in order to answer the questions.

1   8. The method of claim 7, wherein the user is required to submit an answer in a  
2   specified format, the specified format being suitable for evaluation by a computer  
3   program process.



1 17. The method of claim 1, wherein the user is provided with a search engine that  
2 allows the user to search for medical information before selecting a clinical trial.

1 18. The method of claim 1, wherein the acceptance criteria includes geographic  
2 location.

1 19. A system for matching patients with clinical trials, comprising:  
2 a server connected to a network;  
3 a data storage device included in the server; and  
4 a database located in the data storage device, the database storing patient  
5 profile information for a patient and acceptance criteria for a plurality of clinical  
6 trials;  
7 the server comparing the patient profile information with the  
8 acceptance criteria for the clinical trials stored in the  
9 database, determining whether the patient prequalifies for  
10 any of the clinical trials, and notifying a user whether the  
11 patient has prequalified for any clinical trials.

1 20. The system of claim 19, wherein the database contains at least one of:  
2 a) disease/sub-disease records;  
3 b) drug records;  
4 c) content records;  
5 d) clinical trial records;  
6 e) question records;  
7 f) device records;  
8 g) patient profile records;

9 g) user registration records; and  
 10 g) trial site records.  
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1 21. The system of claim 20, wherein a record in the database contains links to  
 2 other related records.

1 22. The system of claim 20, wherein the server transmits a plurality of questions  
 2 to the user over the network, the server also transmits a plurality of answer  
 3 choices for each question, the server receives responses from the user, and the  
 4 server builds a patient profile based on the responses.

1 23. The system of claim 19, wherein the server retrieves a disease/sub-disease  
 2 record corresponding to a disease/sub-disease entered by the user, the disease/-  
 3 sub-disease record containing links to question records, the server retrieving the  
 4 question records to access questions to be provided to the user.

1 24. Computer executable software code stored on a computer readable medium,  
 2 performing a method for matching patients with clinical trials, comprising:  
 3 receiving patient profile information for a patient at a server connected to  
 4 a computer network, the patient profile information submitted by a user at a  
 5 terminal connected to the network;  
 6 comparing the patient profile information with acceptance criteria for  
 7 clinical trials stored in a database, the comparison performed by the server; and  
 8 determining whether the patient prequalifies for any of the clinical trials;  
 9 and

10 notifying the user whether the patient has prequalified for any clinical  
11 trials.  
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